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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/688,766	FAIFER ET AL.	
	Examiner Tung X. Nguyen	Art Unit 2829	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 1/10/07; 4/18/07.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-5,9-11 and 20-23 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 1,2,4,5,9-11 and 20-23 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 15 October 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)

Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)

Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Specification

2. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because

On the page 3 of specification, deleted the underline “_____” in line 2.

On the page 5 of specification, “lock-n amplifier” in line 6 has been changed to --- lock-in amplifier---.

On the page 7 of specification, “lock-n amplifier” in line 7 has been changed to --- lock-in amplifier---.

On the page 12 of specification, “lock-n amplifier” in line 19 has been changed to --- lock-in amplifier---.

Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Objections

3. Claims 20-23 are objected to because of the following informalities:

The claims 20-23 have to renumbered to claims 12-15, respectively. Further more, the new set of the claims with the status are required by the following:

Claim 1 (previously amended) ...

Claim 2 (original) ...

Claim 3 (cancelled)

Claim 4 (previously amended) ...

Claim 6-8 (cancelled)

Claims 9-15 (previously presented) ...

Appropriate correction is required.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

4. Applicant's arguments have been fully considered and are persuasive, see "Remark" on papers 1-2, filed 01/10/2007, with respect to claim(s) 1-2, 4-5, 9-11, and 20-23. The claims are allowed by the following reasons:

As to claim 1, the prior art of record does not teach a contactless sheet resistance measurement apparatus particularly defined by characteristic of a transparent conducting electrode optically coupled with the light source and used for detecting photovoltage signals inside the illuminated area; and a second non-transparent conducting electrode connected to a ground and installed between the transparent and first non-transparent electrodes.

These features in combination with the other elements of the claim are neither disclosed nor suggested by the prior art of record.

The other claims depend from the claim 1. They are allowed for the same reasons.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213, (Comm'r Pat. 1935).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tung X. Nguyen whose telephone number is

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(571) 272-1967. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am-5:00pm M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ha T. Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-1678. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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